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COMMENT OF
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One Subject
Still Open

POSSIBLY the most significant feature about the Berlin conference is that there has been no genuine negotiation either on the question of Germany or the Austrian state treaty. But there has been a considerable amount of genuine argument, particularly in the early stages of the discussions. Then, the Ministers, while not really searching for common ground, were at least taking up one another's points, and maintaining a kind of dialectic contact. But during the last week their speeches have largely become monologues, with little relation to one another. It has sometimes appeared, rather ominously, as if each had begun to address his own public at home, preparing alibis for failure, and the case for a domestic verdict of "guilty" against the other side. Yet even at this late stage, there remain, under the surface discord, certain factors which sustain the hope that the conference will not be without some sort of accomplishment. There is, for example, the Chinese question. It has been only briefly discussed in public, and then in a curious kind of double-faced language, with one meaning for the public at large and another for the Ministers to whom it has been addressed. It seems fairly clear that all four countries want some kind of meeting with China, although, of course, not all want the same kind of meeting and not all want it for the same reason.

WHAT is really at issue is now not so much the question of whether such a five-power meeting is to be held, as its exact nature and agenda. Both the United States and Russia seem, for different reasons, to favour initially restricting the agenda of such a meeting to Korea, with the possibility of widening the agenda if progress is made over that question. France would, for obvious reasons, like to include Indo-China on the agenda, but would also like to make the conference dependent on the prior cessation of Chinese aid to Ho Chi-minh. The present military developments in Indo-China did not, however, provide M. Baudouin with an easy negotiating position in this respect. However that may be, it is a fact that concurrently with the public argument on Germany and Austria, a genuine attempt in secret session is being made in Berlin to negotiate about China. In fact the impression is created that the loud disagreements on Germany and the Austrian treaty are dinned into the public ear to deafen it effectively to the soft, business-like negotiations on China that are still in progress.

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London, Feb. 16.
A pistol shot in a secluded wood near Cologne, Germany, today put an end to the violent life of Ronald John Chesney, 45, big time international crook and smuggler — and virtually closed the case of the double murder in the Ealing old folks home.

Chesney, bearded adventurer once tried for murdering his own mother, had been sought by police of Britain and the Continent since last week when his wife, Mrs Isobel Chesney, 43, and her eccentric mother, "Lady" Mary Menzies, 73, were found slain in the home for aged they ran in the middle class London suburb.

While the old men and women who had come to the Victorian mansion to spend their last years were asleep, the murderer drowned drink-befuddled Mrs Chesney in a bath tub. Creeping out of the house, he encountered self-styled "Lady" Mary and knocked her unconscious with a pewter jug, then strangled her.

An hour after receiving the report today from Germany that Chesney had blown his face off with a .45 revolver, detectives in charge of the case held a conference.

Tonight they indicated they were satisfied the dossier on the fantastic crime, which had linked a seemingly respectable home for the aged with international smuggling and gun running, was almost complete.

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At the age of 19, while a student at Edinburgh University, he forged cheques in his mother's name. Then she was found shot in her Edinburgh home. As she lay dying in

Paper Offers Helicopter For Sale

London, Feb. 16.
Lord Beaverbrook's paper, the Evening Standard, today offered for sale its helicopter which it bought last summer and used mostly for low altitude photography.

Five days ago the newspaper and the helicopter pilot were each fined £20 for low flying.

An advertisement on the front page today said no reasonable offer would be refused.

It added "reason for sale: indifference in high Ministerial places mounting at times to hostility to the use of the helicopter in the London area." — China Mail Special.

Calcutta
Riots: Three
Killed, Many
Injured

Calcutta, Feb. 16.
Mobs ran amok in Calcutta today, plundering stores and demonstrating against America, as riots over school teachers' wages snowballed into a bloody free-for-all stopped only by police bullets.

The police confirmed that at least three persons were killed. More than 100 were sent to hospital, including 20 seriously wounded by police fire. Scores more were treated at first aid stations set up by the police.

Screaming mobs overran American buildings in Chowringhee Square smashing plate glass windows and shattering furniture.

Rioters invaded the United States Information Service library, pulled pictures from the walls, tore books from shelves and ripped magazines to shreds.

More than 1,000 rioters stormed the American-operated Metropolitan Life Insurance building, smashed plate glass windows and wrecked everything they could get their hands on.

The plundering and destruction were stopped only when police fired into the crowds and exploded tear gas bombs.

FILFERING

Street urchins prowled in the wake of the angry mob, pilfering from stores and taking valuables from the ruins. At least 12 street cars and 20 buses were set on fire and were raided for any articles left by the passengers and not destroyed by the fire.

The trouble started in the square and spread across the city in all directions. Much of the city was blanketed in darkness as electric cables were cut. The only light came from the burning buses and street cars.

Many of the injured were trampled by tear-creased horses and sickened by the tear gas bombs. Others were hurt by bricks and other debris tossed by fellow rioters. Untold numbers of injured evaded treatment of their wounds to avoid police questioning. They ran into hiding as ambulances patrolled the streets to pick up the wounded. — United Press.

Dance Hostess Threatened

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 17.
Singapore's newspaper queen, a beautiful Chinese dancer, Miss Alice Chang, who is now working in a cabaret here, has been told by secret society thugs to pay them \$10,000 or get out of the Federal capital.

Miss Chang said yesterday that the gang had called at her cabaret several nights running and demanded protection money, the last over \$1,000 because they said she was so good a dancer.

The normal protection fee demanded of a Chinese dance hostess is \$100. — United Press.

Express In Collision



America's Two New Weapons

Palm Beach, Feb. 16.
General Matthew Ridgway, the United States Army Chief of Staff, said today that a guided missile with a range of more than 50 miles and a rocket capable of hitting targets about 17 miles behind enemy front lines had been added to the United States Army arsenal.

General Ridgway, speaking at the Society of Four Arts here, said the "disparity of manpower between the United States and the forces of the Communist bloc makes American technological superiority mandatory."

Later in reference to "two of our latest weapons" General Ridgway said: "one... is used in a manner similar to artillery and has the range characteristics of our present heavy artillery."

(The range of ordinary heavy artillery is about 17 miles).

Its great advantage is that its launcher can be put into position much more quickly than conventional artillery and can deliver explosive on the target equivalent to hundreds of rounds of artillery shells."

To extend the army's fire-power capabilities beyond the range of this weapon and of the 280 millimetre cannon too, the Army has a guided missile which is being issued to Army units for tactical use.

"It attains supersonic speed and it is guided to the target throughout its flight. Having a range of more than 50 miles, surface to surface, it poses a threat to the enemy's installations far beyond the range of conventional Army weapons." — Reuter.

Deep Sea Divers Planning New Adventure

Dakar, Feb. 16.
Two French naval divers who ate lunch at the lowest undersea depth ever reached by man announced over breakfast today that they intended to explore the earth's deepest water in the Pacific.

Lieut-Cmdr Nicholas Houot and engineer Henri Willm said that they hoped to follow up yesterday's record-setting 18,163-foot plunge off the West African coast with an attempt to reach bottom in the vast Philippine Deep — nearly three times the depth of yesterday's conquest.

But they said that another through the thick glass of a bathyscaphe would be needed to attempt the Pacific depth. It has been sounded at 35,000 feet.

During the descent nothing was seen in the field lit up by the craft's lights except clouds of thick plankton, Houot said. — United Press.

CHEVALIER REFUSED VISA

Washington, Feb. 16.
The State Department has refused the French entertainer Maurice Chevalier a visa to come to this country, a Department spokesman said today.

He said Chevalier applied recently for permission to enter the United States to fill three and a half-hour engagements. The Department denied the visa on the grounds that Chevalier's visit would be "contrary to the best interests of the United States." — The spokesman did not elaborate. — United Press.

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Roubles (about \$49,187,000) for more trawlers, diesel generating stations, machine tools and food industry equipment.

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Ancient Necklace Found

Budapest, Feb. 16.

Pieces of a golden necklace were found in the village Rabakovce (County Vas), near the ruins of a villa from the Roman age, the official news agency MTI reported.

Three coins, which decorated the necklace, show emperor Valerian and, scientists believe, the necklace, presumably made in Rome, had been buried around 200 A.D. The necklace will be restored and exhibited in Budapest's National Museum.

The Governor of South Sudan had reported that there was tension in the area but no serious trouble in his area. The situation was not serious, he said.

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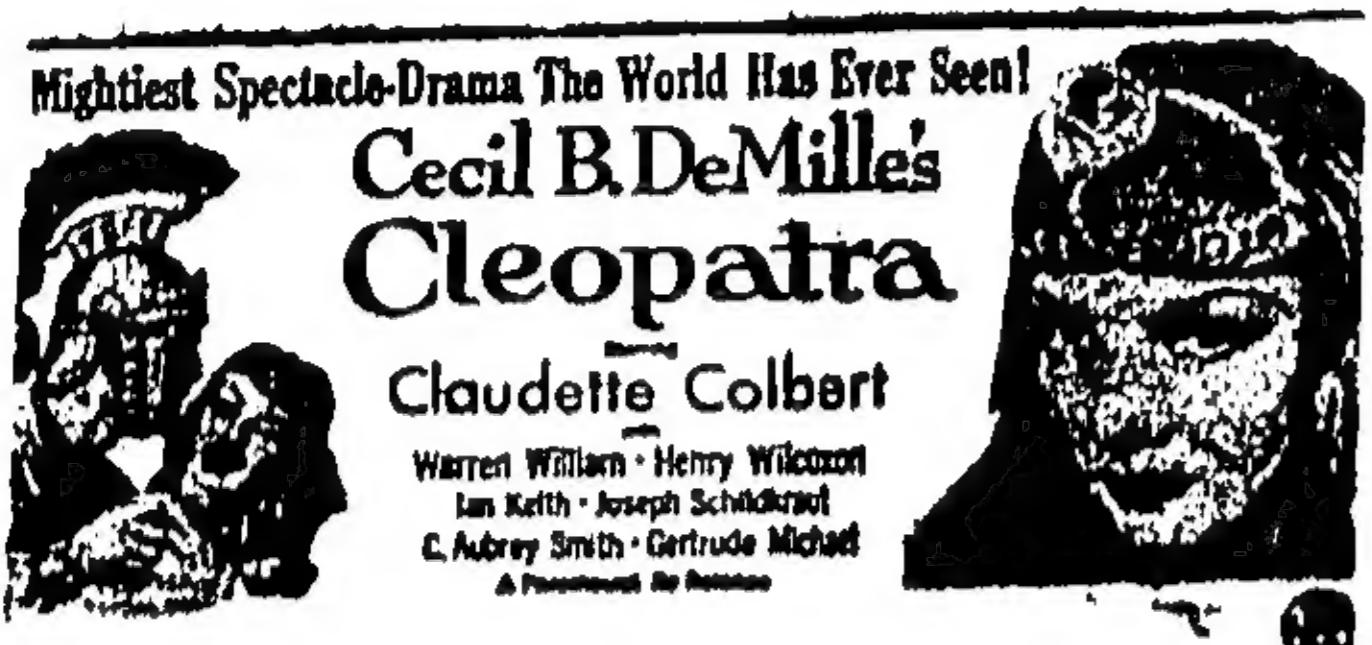
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REDS LINKED WITH US DOPE RINGS

"Malignant Effort To Profit From Ruin Of A Generation"

New York, Feb. 16. American Police authorities believe that agents of world Communism may be in league with domestic drug peddlers in a malignant effort to profit from the ruin of a generation of Americans.

Dr Lois Higgins, director of the Crime Prevention Bureau of Chicago declared recently there could be no possible grounds for doubting that such an alliance existed.

She said that well-authenticated evidence, gathered and confirmed by a number of agencies, including military intelligence and the Federal Narcotics Bureau, "positively" linked Communists with the increase in traffic in narcotics.

More than a year earlier, in the course of United Nations debate on the international aspect of the drug traffic, the United States delegation had declared that drugs reaching United States servicemen in Japan and Korea came from Communist China.

"Opium and heroin from Communist China is, and has been flooding the world market," Dr Higgins declared. "It has been definitely established that money derived from this

source has partly financed the Communist war effort in Korea.

Since World War II, the United States, like a number of other countries whose social and economic structure was disturbed by mobilisation, the repercussions of hostilities and the false prosperity of war industry, has had to contend with an increase in crime, much of it violent crime and a startling proportion of it attributable to boys and girls in their middle and late teens.

Police records show, Dr Higgins argues, that it bears a close relationship to the increase in the use of narcotics, especially by children of High School age.

CRIMES INCREASE

Despite efforts by Federal, State and local authorities to combat this tendency, juvenile delinquency, crimes of violence and the use of narcotics have tended to increase. The Federal Bureau of Investigation recently reported that bank robberies last year were the highest since the thirties.

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Raising Morale Of Chinese Armies

London, Feb. 16. Communist China began a new campaign to strengthen the morale of her armies defending her frontier and coastline with a special nationwide hook-up of broadcasting stations tonight.

The radio reported special comfort missions were leaving to visit Communist troops stationed throughout the country.

From Peking, Kuo Mo Jo, Chairman of the China Peace Committee, whished the "mimosa" success in encouraging the Army to consolidate national coastal and frontier defence posts.

—China Mail Special.

Her Electricity Bill Was £153 For 6 Months!

Sydney, Feb. 16. A woman who used 2,250,000 gallons of water in eight months and whose electricity bill for six months was £163 has been ordered from her Housing Commission home at Dundas, New South Wales.

She is Mrs Maisie O'Neill, 38, a widow who lives with her 11-year-old daughter.

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She Got 187 Marriage Proposals

Toronto, Feb. 16. Lilo Kaesche of Hamburg, Germany, who received 187 proposals of marriage, was getting acquainted today with the suitor who pleased her best.

Miss Kaesche, 20, said she was still only "looking over" Jack Fletcher, an A. V. Roe Company employee. She said his letter convinced her she ought at least to come to Canada and see him.

Miss Kaesche was cited in a weekend magazine article as an example of the many German women between the ages of 28 and 43 who will never marry. Shortly after the article appeared in Canada proposals of marriage began to roll in.

A total of 187 men offered their hand, including engineers, a clergyman, an agricultural scientist, a company executive, three University students and many others.

She said many offered to pay her passage to Canada and a few even said if she did not like it they would pay her passage back.

"Almost without exception the writers seemed to be decent and sincere people," she said.

—United Press.

I Won't Be An Old Maid

New York, Feb. 16. Miss Margaret Truman, the daughter of ex-President Truman, will be 30 on Wednesday.

She declared today that she firmly intended to marry one day. She told journalists who came to interview her that she had no intention of becoming an old maid.

—France-Press.

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FIERCE FRENCH ATTACKS IN INDO-CHINA

Several Successes Reported By High Command

A Hanoi report said Franco-Vietnam forces today, in a bid to secure the initiative from the Vietminh, launched fierce attacks in several sectors of the wide front and reported successes in several areas.

In Central Vietnam, French Union troops completely occupied Tuy Hoa, according to an official French High Command communiqué. In Laos, Franco-Lao reconnaissance elements struck out from Muong

Sai and ousted Vietminh units from their positions with heavy casualties.

A report from Washington said the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Alexander Smith (Republican) announced that US aid for Indo-China in the next financial year would amount to about \$1,000 million — about the same as in the present one.

"Everything in Indo-China is proceeding to plan and there is no cause for alarm at the military situation," he said. "Chinese intervention is a remote possibility neither likely nor serious," he added.

At Dien Bien Phu French Union troops with air and artillery support made an offensive reconnaissance near the beleaguered city. Two well-entrenched rebel positions in the hills overlooking Dien Bien Phu were completely overrun.

The Vietnamese rebels are expected to launch an all-out assault against the French "hedgehog" position of Muong Sal as a prelude to attacking the Laothian Royal capital of Luang Prabang, military sources said in Paris tonight.

The post, which threatens the left flank of the Communist advance on Luang Prabang, about 90 miles to the southwest, was subjected to night-long harassing attacks, which suggested the rebels were trying to find the weakest spot in the French defences.

Powerful French air strikes and artillery barrages today "neutralised" the pressure on the French position for the time being, it was stated here.

CONTAINED?

French officers said the Vietminh offensive, which began with their Christmas drive to the Mekong River, had been "contained." But General Vo Nguyen Giap, the Communist Commander-in-Chief, did not appear to have given up all hope of being able to launch a frontal attack against Luang Prabang.

Systematic testing of the French defences around the Royal capital by Communist guerrilla units indicated that the Vietminh were seeking a weak spot.

French aircraft today pounded the main body of the Vietminh force, still marking time about 30 miles north of Luang Prabang.

The Vietminh rebel radio broadcast an editorial from the Communist-dominated Labour Party's main newspaper today violently attacking the arrival of 200 American air technicians in Indo-China.

It described this American assistance as "a shameful American intervention in Indo-China, which unmasks the imperialists of that country whose intentions are to invade Asia

Thorneycroft Meets Cotton Board

Manchester, Feb. 16. The President of the Board of Trade, Mr Peter Thorneycroft, met members of the Cotton Board today.

He said afterwards that the whole range of subjects of common interest, including the Japanese sterling payments agreement, had been fully and frankly discussed.

Asked if any results had been reached, Mr Thorneycroft replied: "The future alone will disclose."

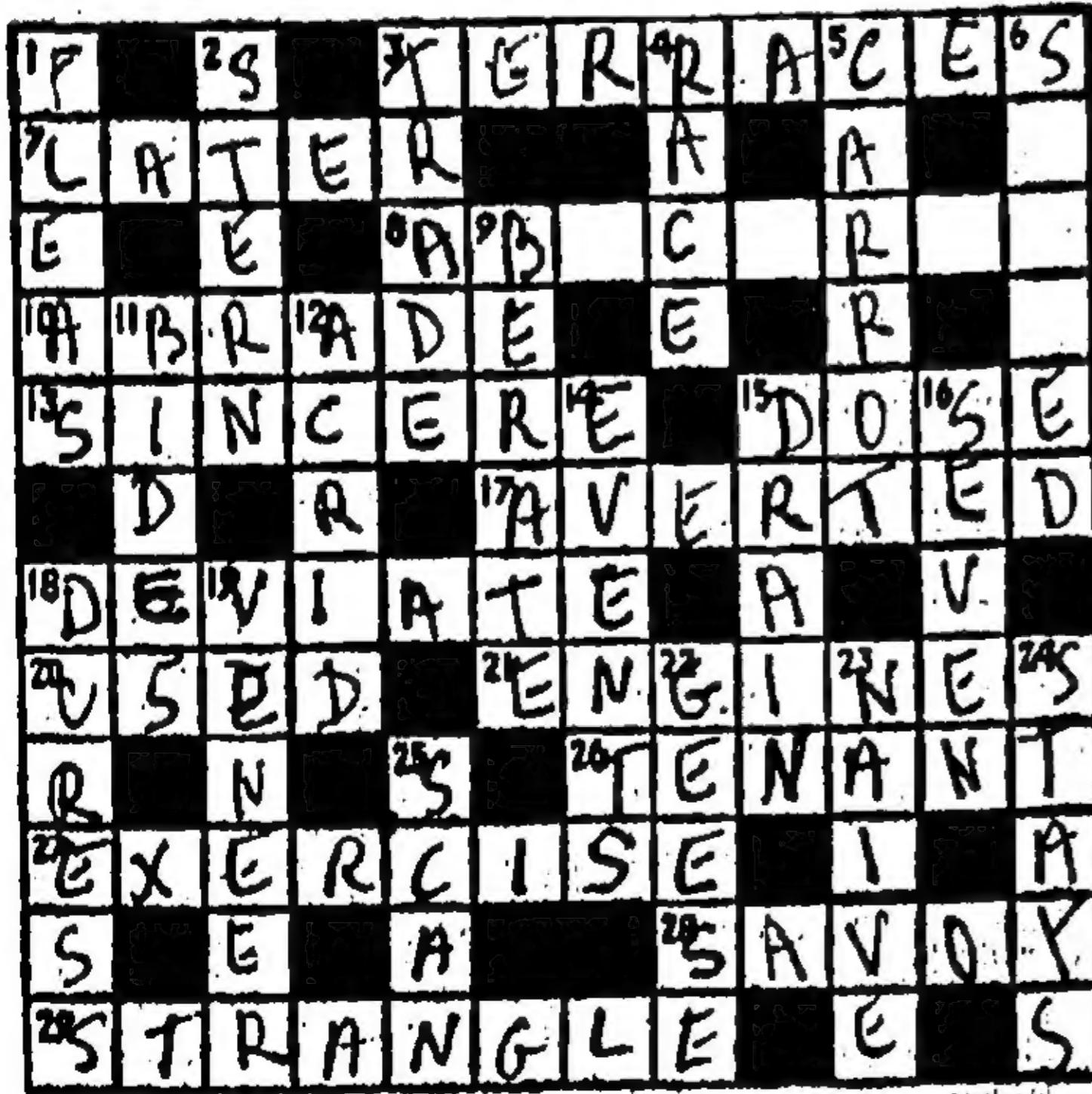
The Minister's visit to Manchester to meet Sir Raymond Street, the Chairman, and other members of the Board was arranged some weeks ago. A spokesman for the Board had said earlier that there was "no special significance" in it.

Mr Thorneycroft was accompanied at the meeting by four Board of Trade officials.

NOTHING KNOWN

Washington, Feb. 16. The State Department said today nothing was known in Washington to confirm a news report that a United States submarine had sunk a Soviet submarine off the coast of Formosa. —Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Raised walks (8).
2. Subsequently (5).
3. Loathed (5).
4. Scraps (5).
5. Honest (5).
6. Prescribed amount (4).
7. Warded off (7).
8. Turn Aids (7).
9. Not fresh (4).
10. Power up (7).
11. Occupant (5).
12. Bodily exertion (5).
13. Kind of cabbage (5).
14. Throttle (8).

DOWN

1. Insects (5).
2. Severe (5).
3. Commerce (5).
4. Origin (4).
5. Vegetable (4).
6. Moved crab-wise (4).
7. Scold (4).
8. Waits (5).
9. Pungent (5).
10. Happenings (5).
11. Exhaust (5).
12. Numerals (5).
13. Constraint (5).
14. Thin coating (5).
15. Birds (5).
16. Ingenuous (5).
17. Hemmins (5).
18. Scrubbing (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Scraps, 6. Walks, 10. Vital, 11. Panel, 12. Loot, 13. Reats, 14. Cabinet, 15. Scratches, 16. Sewer, 17. Utter, 18. Severe, 19. Dovets, 20. Subsidy, 21. Response, 22. Prop, 23. Senator, 24. Waived, 25. Bullets, 26. Draw, 27. Strangle, 28. Blasted, 29. Marines, 30. Detain, 31. Death, 32. Lure. Down: 1. Plated, 2. Subsequently, 3. Loathed, 4. Scraps, 5. Honest, 6. Prescribed amount, 7. Warded off, 8. Turn Aids, 9. Not fresh, 10. Power up, 11. Occupant, 12. Bodily exertion, 13. Kind of cabbage, 14. Throttle.

"Basin Cut" For Boy Star



"Wolf Boy Was Reared Among Animals" Two Experts Report

London, Feb. 16. Two medical authorities — one British and one Indian — issued statements today about Ramu, the Indian "wolf boy" both confirming their opinions that he was "reared among animals."

Some quarters have suggested it is a hoax and a violent controversy has raged over the 9-year-old boy who growls but cannot speak and who can smell raw meat before it is brought into his room.

Sir Philip Manson-Bahr, celebrated British authority on tropical medicine and the only Western specialist to examine the "Wolf Boy" of Lucknow, said today he has no doubt that the Indian child was reared among animals.

Sir Philip was in Lucknow on a lecture tour when the boy, called "Ramu," was brought to the hospital there for treatment. Sir Philip spent some time examining him and reported he considered it a "genuine case" of a child having lived among animals.

He said the deformities were caused by lying in unnatural positions "as though he had been crammed into a hole or den."

"CONTRACTED UP"

"His left arm is contracted up," said Sir Philip, "but it appears to be a diffused paralysis, possibly caused by lying in a hole without any opportunity to move. He cannot speak and he eats and drinks like an animal."

"His toes show he never has tried to walk as a human child. I don't think there is any doubt about it — he has been living among animals."

"There have been reports of similar incidents from Russia and elsewhere over the years, but I don't know much about them," he said.

Sir Philip's Secretary, Mr W. J. Muggleton, who was present at the examination at Lucknow, said that the "wolf-boy" has scars on his head where he has been bitten by animals.

REACTS WITH GROWLS

"He does not react with speech," he said, "but with growls."

In Lucknow, a professor of Medicine at the King George Medical College, Dr B. B. Bhattacharjee, said today after examining the "wolf boy" he believed the child had lived since infancy in the company of some carnivorous animal.

The child, he found, has the definite instincts of a carnivorous animal. He can smell raw meat from a distance. He relishes eating it and bites it with his incisors, bolting it rapidly without effective chewing.

"There is no area in this State," Dr Bhattacharjee said, "and no tribes that eat raw meat and it cannot be concluded that the boy was taught this habit by his parents."

He also concluded, as did the British expert, that they were due to the child's having lain in a small cave or hole in an unnatural position.

Some doubts were raised by Professor Kali Prasad, head of the Department of Psychology at Lucknow University. He pointed out an absence of callouses on the boy's hands and said that this indicated he did not walk much on all fours.

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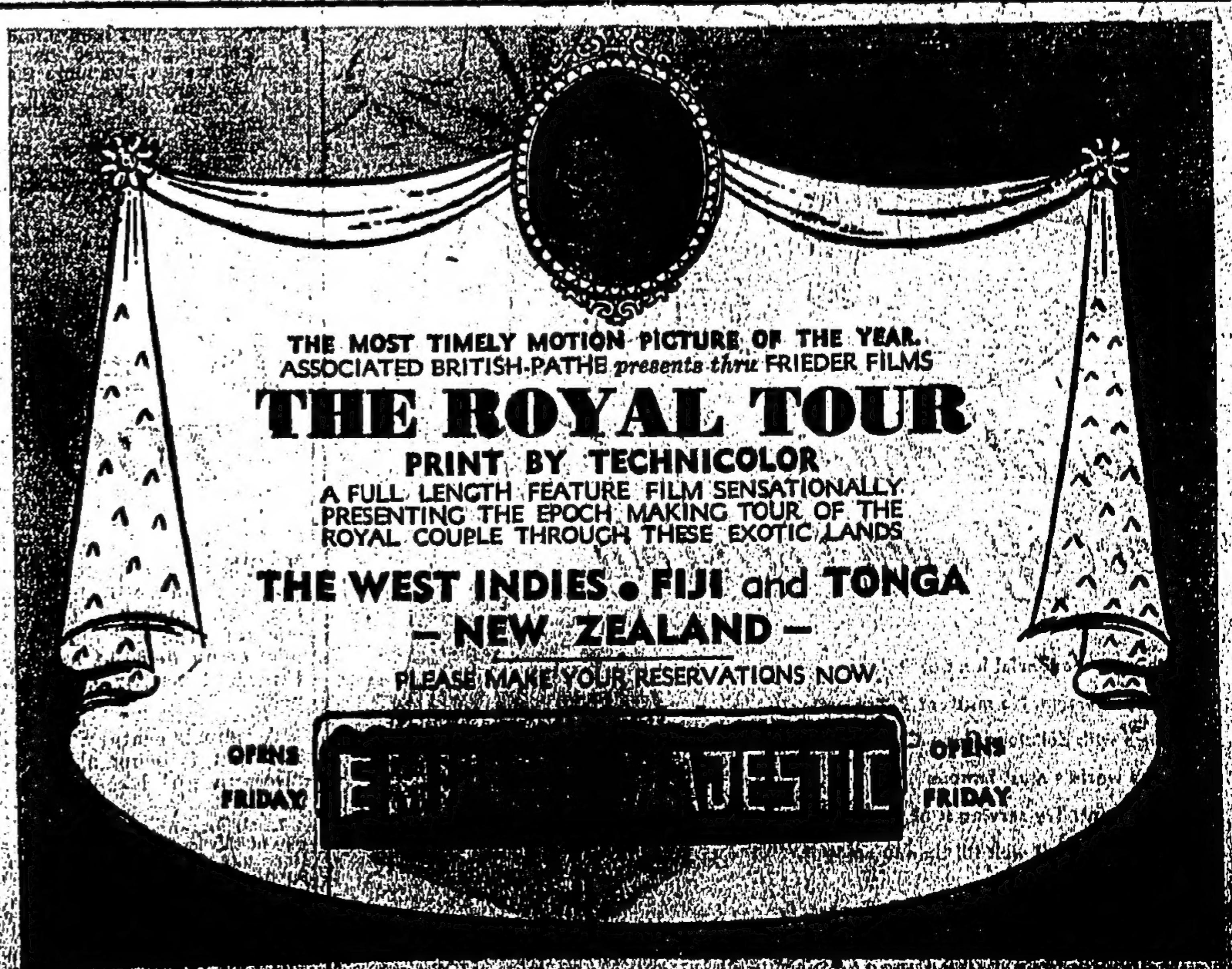
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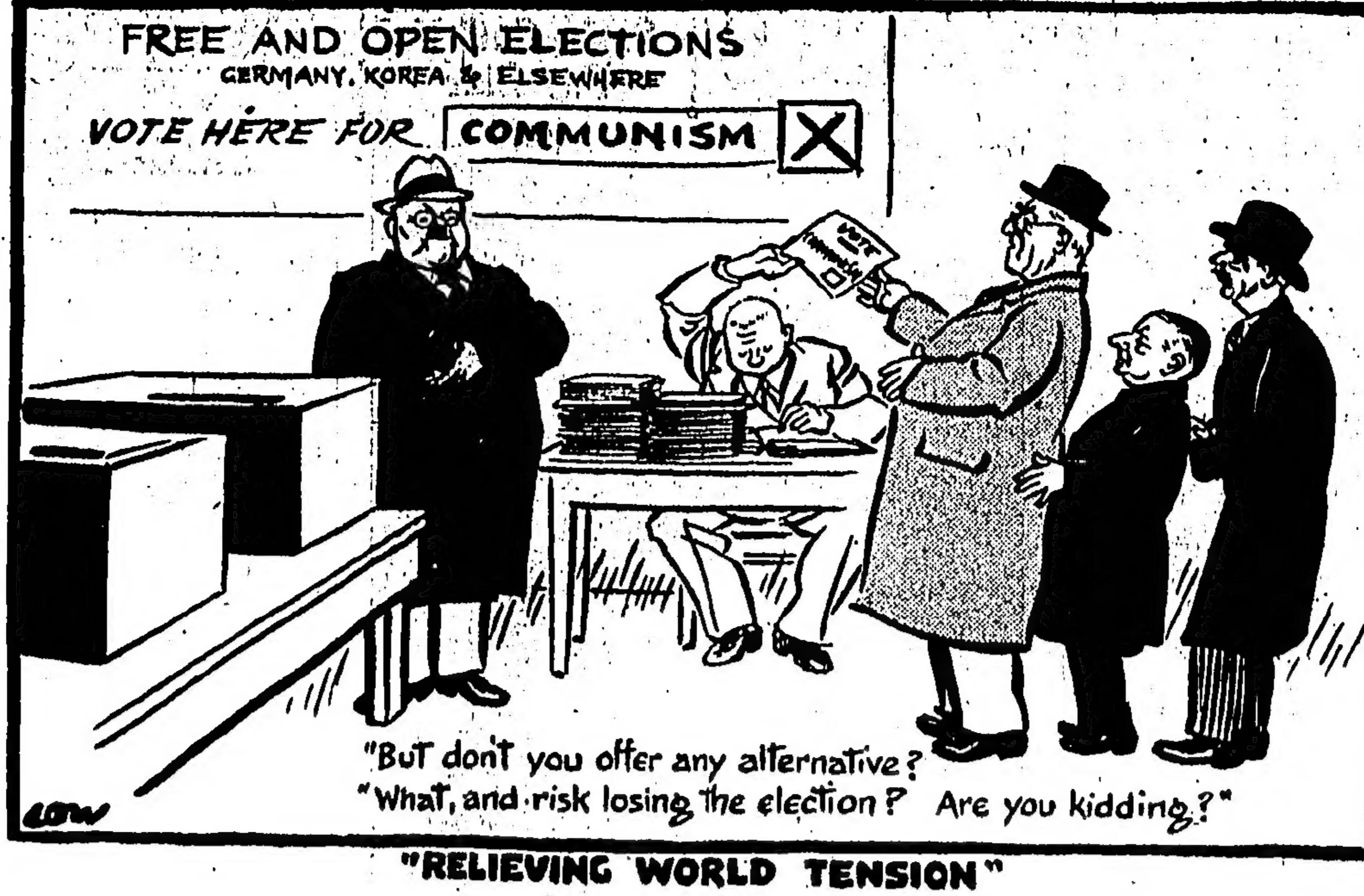


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“GENERAL CHINA” (the Mau Mau thug who is to die) SHOWS A WAY

By John Redfern
who has just returned from Kenya

JUSTICE has caught up with Mau Mau’s “General China”—and only a fortnight after he came out, wounded from the bush in Kenya.

“China,” whose real name is Waruhlu Itole, has been sentenced to death.

Well, there goes the No. 2 man of the half-dozen field commanders of Mau Mau. Above him was only Dedan Kimathi, flamboyant publicity seeker.

Below “China” was “Matenggo”—“the hairy one”—who was killed only a few weeks ago.

For months in Kenya I heard of “General China,” 32-year-old ex-corporal, holder of

the Burma Star. Informants, prisoners, came across with bits about him. They even brought over some well-worn pictures showing him posing with his “staff”—some of them wearing stolen medals—in their forest hide-out.

At his trial he claimed to command 4,000 Mau Mau terrorists. But like all Mau Mau leaders, when caught he tried to put a good face on his activities.

That is why I do not attach much importance to what he said about his intention to surrender.

The encouraging thing is that General Erskine would rather do battle in the reserve than up amid the close-packed forests where visibility is about 70 yards at high noon.

Operating independently of the 1,000 killers on the ridges are approximately another 1,000 split into gangs near Timau, Fort Hall, Thika, Nairobi, and a few other towns.

Inevitably, the present movement of the gangs is leading to a crowding up of bad types against the towns. Menace moves nearer to the trim homes of the Europeans, the small, plain houses of the Africans.

And that is just what “China” did.

All this gives some encouragement to those who went to see an end to the Mau Mau business.

A few months ago there were between 2,500 and 3,000 killers in the 3,000 square miles of bamboo and cedar forest. Today there are not more than 500; they are tucked down in the foothills of the eastern Aberdare.

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CHARLTON v. WEST BROMWICH



Heath, the West Bromwich goalie, is greatly harassed by Hurst, Charlton's right winger, as he endeavours to clear while Ayre, of Charlton, and two West Bromwich defenders await the result of the tussle. The game ended in a one-all draw.

SPORTS ROUND-UP

Joe Carr Voted Golfer Of The Year By British Writers

Joe Carr, the Irish amateur player, has been voted "Golfer of the Year" by the Association of British Golf Writers. The writers adjudged that Carr, who beat American holder Harry Ward in the final of the Amateur Championship at Hoylake, and represented Britain in the Walker Cup, is the golfer who did most for the British game in 1953.

Second choice was Bernard Hunt, the young Hartsbourne Country Club assistant who headed the list of winners in big tournaments, gained his Ryder Cup place and halved his singles with American Dave Douglas.

Henry Cotton, Britain's Ryder Cup captain and Fred Davis, who won his singles and doubles against the Americans, were voted equal third.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

T. L. Taylor, president of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, had some harsh things to say about Yorkshire players at the club's annual general meeting in Sheffield. He told them that a keener spirit on the field should be shown next season.

Referring to last season's playing results—the county's worst since 1892—Mr. Taylor said: "It is felt that better results could have been obtained if the catching and fielding had been up to the standard which we expect from a Yorkshire side. It was below it... our bowling also was not good enough."

Fred Davis, the holder, will meet Walter Donaldson in the final of this season's World

Match Play Professional Snooker Tournament at Manchester, from March 1-6. They have met in all the seven finals played since the event was reinstated after the war in the 1946-7 season. Fred Davis has won the title five times and the last time Donaldson was successful was in 1950.

Four performances by British athletes last year have been accepted as world records by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Johnny Williams, former British Heavyweight Champion, is now one of Germany's top box-office attractions. This follows his knockout victory over Gerhard Hecht and, as a result, he is to have more fights there.

In March he plans to meet Heinz Neuhaus, the European Champion, at Dortmund. The two have met twice before, both times at Dortmund. On the first occasion, in October 1951, the result was a draw. In the return, last February, Neuhaus won by a ninth-round knockout.

12 WANTED

The South African Football Association want to buy 12 top English footballers. They will be fanned out to the 12 league clubs in the Union, teamed up to play against the various provinces and the national side, and used as coaches for the league clubs and schools.

Wages will be around £15 per week—the top rate in England during the playing season—and the prospects of a job on the side is thrown in as an added attraction.

Also in the wanted column of the South African FA is a British referee to control the tests against Hearts and Israel and to pass on the general that makes British refereeing the best in the world.

Bukhuril Vana, the great Czechoslovakian player who took over from Vlado Barana as the world's outstanding table tennis player, is to retire from the international scene.

At 35 he considers he is not up to strain of the top-class game. Perhaps the most colour-

ful of all the champions, Vana's whole-hearted play will be sorely missed by spectators the world over.

Men's performances are Gordon Pirie's Six Miles in 6min. 49sec. and the 6,000 Metres Relay time of 15min 27.2sec. by Pirie, Dunkley, Law and Naukville.

Two women's relay performances, the 3 x 880 yards in 6min. 49sec. by N. Smalley, D. Leather and M. Shenton, and the 4 x 220 yards in 1min. 39.9sec. by A. Pastley, J. Newbould, S. Hampton and A. Johnson have also been accepted.

Pirie's time for the six miles was beaten by Emil Zatopek in November, when he clocked 28min. 8.4sec. and this record has also been accepted.

Bannister, a St. Mary's Hospital student who won the event in 1951, said: "I have a great amount of work to do during the next two or three months which may prevent me from taking such a trip."

He added that he has had a private invitation to take part in medical research while in the United States.

Arsenal will meet the Brazilian side, São Paulo, at Highbury on February 20. Arsenal are without a League game that day because their intended opponents, Preston, are playing a fifth round Cup tie.

This will be the first occasion a side from Brazil has visited Britain. São Paulo are a powerful side, one of the best in the whole of South America.

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SWedes Give Local Fans Their Money's Worth in Instructive Tennis

By "ARGONAUT"

Opening the two-day exhibition series in Hongkong at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday with two singles matches, Sweden's top-ranking tennis ace and recently-crowned All-Asian Singles Champion, Lennart Bergelin, edged out local champion K. H. Ip by 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 while Swedish Davis Cupper S. Stockenberg drew with K. C. Dao, 7-5 and 4-6.

The soft and slippery condition of the court made it difficult for superlative tennis to be played but despite these setbacks the visitors gave one of the Colony's biggest turnouts their full money's worth in instructive tennis.

Both Stockenberg and Bergelin play in almost identical style in handling the racket, strokes and tactics.

Both possess a strong serve and are exceptionally strong on the forehand, scoring frequently from this point with tremendous flat-racket cross-court passing drives or vicious cross-volleys.

The backhand, which is executed by both of them without any change of the grip, carries a lot of slice with it and except for point-winning drop cross-volleys and short passing shots is mainly exploited for defence and manouevring the ball to just over the centre-line of the opposing court, forcing a return to their forehand where their accurate half-volley from the three-quarter court and ability to add extra reach to seemingly passing winners with a late forward lunge enable them not only to cover that part of the court like a blanket but also to repeatedly turn defence into attack.

Bergelin is much the steadier of the two and shows more finesse and accuracy in the execution of every stroke.

Though troubled by the very soft court, the Swedish ace in his three-set match against Ip yesterday gave a fine exhibition of all-round strokes and at times glimpses of the form for which he has been acclaimed as one of the greatest stroke players in the world today.

His points came neither from his service nor from any exceptional strength in any department of the game but from a combination of sound all-round ground strokes, volleys, overhead smashes and court craft.

STARTED SLOWLY

Bergelin started slowly in his match against Ip and, playing from the base throughout the whole set, passed Ip repeatedly with forehand drives that earned as much pace as accuracy. From 3-0 Bergelin carried his lead to 3-1, 6-2, and 6-3 to win the first set in 22 minutes.

Ip recovered by holding his opening service with a love game in the second set and as Bergelin relaxed his play, went on to lead 3-0.

Bergelin began to follow up his services with net play for the first time in the fourth game in the second set on his service, but found Ip in brilliant form with his passing shots.

From 15-15, Ip forged ahead to 30-15 when Bergelin doublefaulted for the first time in the match, and clinched the game with two spectacular backhand sideline passing drives to lead by 4-0.

Scoring frequently with delicate drop shots, Ip took the fifth game by 50-50. Bergelin made a strong effort to regain the initiative and succeeded in holding his service game after deuce was called. Ip's drops and passing shots, however, carried him through the seventh game to give him the set by 6-1.

Bergelin put more power and speed into his game as the third set began but could not find touch with his first services.

Ip broke through Bergelin's opening service, only to see his opponent, now playing an effective all-round game, draw level at 1-1.

Bergelin held his next service game after four deuces to lead by 2-1 and went ahead to take the next game by 50-30.

Another double-fault and errors on Bergelin's part cost him the fifth game, but the next

WEEK-END HOCKEY

The feature match of this week's league hockey programme will be the clash between the two teams at the head of the Ladies' Division, King George V "A" and Recreio "A".

On the outcome of this match will rest the League Championship and it is expected that the tussle will be worth going to Boundary Street, Police Ground, on Saturday, to see.

Information has been received that the Thunderbolts "A" team has withdrawn from the league.

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the League.—

Saturday

Ladies' Division—KGC "A" v Recreio "A" on Police Gr Boundary St at 3.15 p.m. (umpires C. C. Tsou v. T. Lo, C. S. Cheng v. W. K. Chung, R. M. Macpherson and P. L. Holmes v. G. B. Smart and E. Zukui).

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COLONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Only five instead of eight Colony championship matches will be played today.

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TACTICS WON

One of the big surprises of the RAMC Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street yesterday was the defeat of the well drilled Tug-of-War team from 18 Field Ambulance by the less fancied team from 28 FDs.

Actually this was not so much a battle of teams as a battle of coaches. Capt Bowen had trained his Field Ambulance team to a fine pitch but he was out-guessed and outmanoeuvred by QMS Webster who gave his team the call to "heave" at the exact moment the opponents' right feet were raised. The QMS's tactics were excellent and his team collected the cup after two straight pulls.

The Army soccer players are becoming used to being involved in controversy. Recently centre-forward Bennett was the central figure in the incident in the Hongkong Selection—Koep Boldklub game when he landed in the back of the net and remained there while a goal was scored, only to see it chalked off by the referee.

On Saturday in the Army Navy game the incident was repeated in almost every detail; only this time it was Reeves who was in the back of the net when Bennett scored. But once again the goal was disallowed.

The Royal Norfolks are well on the way to retaining the Land Forces Inter-Unit Squash Championships.

They have again fought their way into the Final and after the fine display they gave against the Royal Engineers it will take a very strong team to deprive them of the premier honour.

By defeating AA Workshops, 187 (Java), HAA Bty, RA, have surmounted one of the most important obstacles in their effort to win Zone 1 of the Minor Units Soccer League. With only one more game to play the Gunners still have a 100 percent record and I hear that they are quite confident that they can preserve the record in the last game.

BOXING DATE

The next important date on the boxing calendar is Thursday, February 18, when the 1st Dorsets meet 1st Royal Norfolks in the semi-final of the Land Forces' Inter-Unit Team Championships.

In addition to stage two special bouts as eliminators for the FAIRFLEET Individual Championships, these contests will set Boxer Baker, 28 Fd Regt, RA, against Pie, Rollinson, of 1st King's in a light welterweight bout, and Gina Poddle, 14th Ed Regt, RA, against either Sgt. Bibby, of Pie, Edge, or 1st King's in a heavyweight match.

The second semi-final between 1st Welch and 1st King's will take place at Queen's Hill on Tuesday, February 26.

The date for the final will depend on which team wins the first semi-final bout. If the Dorsets win, the final will take place on March 2, but if the Norfolks win the final will take place on March 9.

Meanwhile, the Dorsets are due to play the 1st Royal Signals in a light welterweight bout on Saturday, February 20.

McKenley Creates A Unique Double

Melbourne, Feb. 16.—Herb McKenley of Tasmania established a unique double to-night when he broke the 70-year-old professional 440 yards record with a time of 47.3 seconds.

The former Olympic runner is the first man to hold both the amateur and professional world records in the same distance.

He set the previous world record in 1947 at 47.5 seconds.

McKenley's former record was 47.6 seconds.

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TOMMY ATKINS'

Army Sports Parade

Top spot in the Tommy Atkins Army Sports Parade this week is shared by two golfers. They are 2/Lt. M. R. Keeling of the Royal Signals, whose brilliant achievement of winning both the Combined Services and the Army Golf Championships at Fanling last week-end makes him the outstanding performer of the week, and Captain D. A. Kennedy, whose hole-in-one at the 190-yard fourth hole on the New course wins him the bottle of whisky which was handed over to me to be presented to the first of our golfers to accomplish this exciting feat. Congratulations, Captain Kennedy.

The bottle is being forwarded to the Secretary of the Army Golf Association with a request that he pass it on to the winner.

SILENCE' RULE: I have received a most interesting letter from a boxing enthusiast who asks me if I can explain the fact that when the Welsh Regt. Boxing Team was in action against the boxers from HMS Birmingham in the recent tournament at the China Fleet Club the "Silence" during boxing rule was not enforced.

Army soccer enthusiasts are delighted at the selection of half Steven Stevens to captain the Combined Services team against the Hongkong Chinese in the Club Stadium this afternoon.

It is hoped that Stevens, who plays for the United Kingdom on Sunday next, will be available to play his last game for the Army against St. Joseph's on Saturday. This game could be a very special one for Stevens as he will pretty certainly find himself pitted against his old Army colleague, Nash, who was recently transferred from the Army to St. Joseph's.

The final of the FAIRFLEET Rugby Championship between 1st Welch and the Fiji Regt. will take place at Singapore on Monday, March 8.

Army football referees are reminded that the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Referees Association will take place in the "Tavern" of the NAAFI Club in Chatham Road at 7 p.m. tonight.

The next examination for Army referees will take place at Sainley on Monday, February 22 at 6.30 p.m.

ATHLETIC DATES 1st Dorsets and 1st Welsh are now through to the final of the Land Forces' Athletic Championships by reason of their being placed first and second respectively in the 27 Brigade meeting.

Dates for other elimination events are as follows:—

35 Bde at Sot Kong on Feb. 19 and 20.

HQRA at Boundary Street on Feb. 14 and 15.

HQ and Kin. Grn on Feb. 22 and 24.

The Finals of the Minor Unit Championships will take place on Friday, February 26 and the Major Unit Championships will be decided on Saturday, February 27. Competition will start at 10.30 a.m. on both days.</p



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Ban Sought On Hungarian Paper In USA

Washington, Feb. 16.

Representative Overton Brooks, a Democrat, demanded today that the State Department stamp out the propaganda of Communist Hungary in spreading in the United States.

He said the magazine, New Hungary, should be banned like all the other Iron Curtain publications once published and distributed in the United States.

Mr. Brooks said he has not assembled all the facts on New Hungary but that he understood that the State Department claimed its suspension of the Rumanian news ended the propaganda flow in America.

"Now it seems here's another one," he said.

State Department officials said that Hungary mails out about 10,000 copies of the magazine every month or two months to individual Americans, organizations and libraries.

They said that the Department had no intention of banning it as long as the United States Legation was permitted to conduct an information programme in Hungary.

Mr. Brooks took sharp issue with this reciprocity theory, however. Sometimes we have been permitted to distribute a few thousand papers, he said, while the Communists enjoyed unlimited mailing rights here—unsubsidized by the taxpayers.

He promised to review his fight to halt the mailing of the New Hungary and any other propaganda publications put out by Communist legations and embassies here.

At present, the New Hungary is the only remaining Iron Curtain publication still operating in the United States. The State Department has banned similar publications of Russia, Rumania and Poland mainly because of moves against United States information programmes.—United Press.

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A £50 Million Refinery Is Growing Out Of This Desert



Native workers excavating for foundations alongside the cooling water lines at Aden.

The New Anglo-Iranian Refinery Is Going Up:

You Can Earn A Fortune At "Little Aden" If You Don't Mind Heat

Christopher Astwood, the author of this article, visited Aden last year after he and four other Cambridge University undergraduates had completed an expedition to Lake Tana, Ethiopia. In this article he describes his experiences trying to get a job at the new Anglo-Iranian £50 million refinery which is rapidly taking shape at Aden following the closing down of the Abadan refinery. He also describes some of the work going on and life at the refinery. He says "little Aden" is the site of the Anglo-Iranian installation is "a masterpiece of enterprise." The refinery itself is expected to be completed by the end of this year after only 27 months' work. By then the pipelines will be handling five million tons of crude oil a year.

Aden Town is set on a peninsula cum island, making the best of what flatland there is below the craggy hills. One half of the town sprawls along the fringe of Aden Bay on a coastal strip not more than a few hundred yards wide, with a few houses and offices bravely clinging to the rock hill slopes seeking what breeze there might be in the hottest time of the year.

Then there is the Crater town (literally a town within a crater) where the peoples of the former half migrated during the war to escape enemy shelling. But many found that after one hot day in the Crater, enemy shells and oblivion were more acceptable.

Aden port itself is thriving entrepot and refuelling station where retail prices in the shops fluctuate with the nationality of the passenger liner currently refuelling it never buy that "surprisingly cheap" camera when the Stars and Stripes can be seen at the masthead—for it will be half the price tomorrow when the ship has departed.

I spent nine days in Aden. On landing at the airport the immigration authorities demanded £100 deposit to justify my entry. Five Ethiopian dollars was all I had, however, but they were kind about it; I was told to report to them within three days as to my movements and they offered me a further seven days should I still be undecided. After that time, the Government was offering to pay for my keep and passage home, to be paid back in installments at a later date. With all this solicitude for my well-being behind me and my fear of the future I decided to look for work.

When I was in Asmara, I was told a fabulous tale of Aden—a paradise where one could earn £20 a week, have air-conditioned quarters, and the best food in Arabia. Where was it to be found but at the new oil refinery the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company was building. The only snag was the 18 months' contract one had to sign. However that was simply overcome apparently for only last year three South African students had arrived on the site, having travelled up from Capetown in a sampan, and demanded work.

POSTED MISSING

At that time, any able-bodied body was welcome to help build the new refinery, no matter how green he was. So one of them was employed in the stores, and the others digging ditches.

That went on for ten months and then suddenly after one pay-day they were posted "missing" and nothing more was seen of them...

They are now comfortably reclining in various universities in England with their body—£800 a head—for they were strong-minded enough not to drink it all whilst in Aden.

With perhaps the same idea in mind I thought I would try my luck. But I was "out" at the first attempt; the "green" gave

were well guarded by husky Arab police who refused to believe that all I wanted was to call on one of their doctors who had told me of this promised land. Anyway they could not speak English...

THE ICE-MAN

Out of this arises the question of ice, an essential commodity in a community that is constantly seeking cool refreshment. Although "little Aden" has its own cold storage unit capable of holding enough meat and vegetables for its own requirements, the actual blocks of ice for day to day use are brought from the local ice manufacturers. This creates a problem for it entails bringing the precious commodity in from Aden Town along a route lined with local "Solv's" offering good shillings, and enough to make it worth while for a lump of ice. After several lumps of ice had "melted away" in this fashion the job was given to an Englishman to drive the truck into town at 4 a.m. pick up the ice and deliver it to the refreshment centres by six; once this was completed he had the morning free and should no further orders be received for ice he had the rest of the day off until the following morning.

This was another simple but essential and lucrative (£20 a week) form of employment that was available there.

Having built up a picture of reasonable comfort and remuneration, however, I shall now have to explode some of it.

The working hours are long and hard, for those in jobs not so extraordinary as the ice-man. The clock is worked around in two ten-hour shifts with four hours set aside for maintenance to vehicles and machinery. Pipe hauling, cracker-erecting, dock building, issuing supplies, and even administration are exacting tasks in 80 to 110 degrees F. Through this perpetual heat and an ever present dust haze, work must progress smoothly, for one delay starts a chain reaction all along the line.

Labour to the technician to the labourer there is little chance of relaxation during his ten hours and at the end of it, should he feel fit for some form of entertainment in the evening, there is little except the bar, which no one objects to, but it does become monotonous. There are some, who at the day's end collapse exhausted into bed and so have another day somewhat refreshed. This form of relaxation must have something to offer in return to anyone who subjects himself to it. One can return, provided the created draw, must be paid and this would not be a bad idea.

There was also a hospital built on ultra-modern lines set off from the modern on the reverse slope of a hill overlooking an inviting beach. There one could recline with all the aches, breaks and pains imaginable, for a large and extremely competent staff, European and Indian, with all the most up-to-date equipment, is in constant attendance. Their biggest headache is the Arab emigrants who would give their right arm to "sangleen" in the "wadi" on going back—and with it, "sangeen".

On the recreational side there is almost everything conceivable

hockey, tennis, basketball, swimming, table tennis, billiards, darts, "shove ha'penny" and a large brick and glass-plate communal hall where a vast quantity of beer may be consumed. The latter four are far and away the most popular of the recreational outlets.

NOT ALLOWED

Because they consider that a stop at Dalny is necessary on the Black Sea to Vladivostok voyage the Soviets are building a tanker fleet of their own.

According to British businessmen who have returned from Moscow they now have a fleet of 22 tankers. None of them are larger than 16,000 tons, this being the largest tonnage that can be accommodated in the Black Sea ports.

Shipbuilders here do not expect to be allowed to tender for the Soviet tanker orders. The British authorities have recently authorised the building of fishing trawlers for the Soviet, but this decision was given with some reluctance and the licensing of tankers or cargo ships is not expected until a general move is made to modify the United Nations' strategic embargo.

That night after pouring out my troubles to a Scotsman who spent his life delivering vessels of all types to anywhere in the world, I decided to go ashore. It was two o'clock in the morning. I saw a police launch passing and I halled it. There was a rapid fire of cross-questioning which lasted some ten minutes and I found I was speaking to the Chief of the Harbour Police, at the time in full evening dress and flanked by lovely ladies also in evening dress. Having decided I was not the "suspect seaman" who had dragged him away from his "excellent party," he was all apologetic and invited me to a beach party at Little Aden, the refinery, the following Sunday. His apologies were accepted—for the pearl gates were open and it was now up to me.

That Sunday and the ensuing days were an eye-opener to me. Having seen the Americans add two square miles to Bermuda's 1/2 square miles in just over ten months in building their air and naval bases, I have always credited them with being the eighth wonder of the world in the engineering field. But Britain's little Aden was a masterpiece of enterprise.

BLEAK DESERT

In December 1952, across Aden Bay from Aden Town was a corner of bleak desert and salt pans with 2000 jagged crags protruding from it. Inside 12 months an offending 100 ft high hill was demolished. The debris was used to reclaim the salt pans and generally raise the land above sea level.

A few months later, the thriving oil town construction community arose and some 7,000 persons were housed in air-conditioned rooms or, if married, houses with all "mod. cons" including refrigerators. All the comforts of man are more, or less provided. There is a cleaning and dyeing works, water and sewage system, a power system with generators capable of supplying Aden Town as well. This was only temporary, as it was told, though it looked no more temporary than Battersea power station.

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TRADE AND COMMERCE SECTION

JAPAN FACING "BAD YEAR" FOR SHIPPING

Less Work For Shipyards

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

Representatives of the Japanese shipbuilding industry and merchant marine expect 1954 to be "a very bad business year." Japanese pessimism over world shipping and the shipbuilding recession has been aggravated by a recent Government announcement that subsidies to the shipbuilding industry would be cut.

Under the 4-year programme mapped out last year, Japanese shipyards were to build 800,000 gross tons of shipping for domestic owners every year. Because of the cut in subsidies, the yards are not likely to build more than 200,000 gross tons by the end of this year.

A spokesman for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, one of Japan's "Big Four" shipping companies, said: "Most Japanese ships, particularly those on the Pacific run, were built after the war and are of good quality. But

the spokesman added that Japan is now in a position in which she has to hire ships from other countries. Before World War II, she could earn foreign exchange by carrying cargoes of other countries' goods.

Japan's present ocean-going ships total 2,600,000 gross tons compared with the pre-war peak of 3,700,000 gross tons in 1937.

Many companies would like to expand their freight services to pre-war level, but lack of ships together with increasing competition in the international market, have restricted expansion plans.

CHARGING LOWER RATES

Larger companies are trying to meet increasing competition from small Japanese owners at home and, at the same time, maintain membership in various freight conferences overseas.

Two of Japan's leading companies complain that while they

have been operating at freight rates set by the European-East Freight Conference, of which both are members, their rival, which was excluded from the conference, has been increasing business by charging lower rates. These three are the only Japanese companies at present running ships to Europe, although eight companies are operating between Japan and the United States west coast ports.

Old, pre-war companies, like the Mitsui Mitsubishi, Osaka Shosen Kaisha and Nippon Yusen Kaisha, are still the leaders of the industry in Japan. But newer, smaller, companies are growing fast. One of these, the Kokusai Kaiun, has announced plans to run a new service to Europe in co-operation with two Belgian and two West German shipping firms.

According to a Company spokesman, the establishment of this service would be the forerunner to a company programme for world-wide expansion and including the opening of services to African and South American ports.

The new European service will be started with two ships a month, calling at Manila, Singapore, Suez, Alexandria, Bremen, Hamburg and Amsterdam.

GREAT COMPETITION

A Transport Ministry spokesman said that the Japanese shipping and shipbuilding industries expect greater competition from the United States, Britain and West Germany during the coming year.

There are 60 major shipbuilding companies in Japan, 20 of which are engaged on constructing ocean-going vessels.

During 1954, these companies hope to build an estimated 200,000 gross tons for home shippers and another 100,000 gross tons for overseas buyers.

The estimated tonnage of ships completed in 1953, both for domestic owners and for exports, is the highest since the war. Most orders were executed during the first half of the year, however, and were a backlog from the boom days of 1950-52.

The following are figures issued by the Transport Ministry, showing the tonnage completed each year since 1950. (All figures in thousands of gross tons):

1950-307 (98 exported); 1951-473 (20 exported); 1952-641 (165 exported); 1953-88 (estimated total of 26 (238 exported)).

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No Address On The Parcel But It Was Delivered

Heidelberg, Feb. 16.

A parcel from the United States addressed to Dalsbach, near here but bearing a small boy's photograph in place of the addressee's name, was delivered by a resourceful postman.

The parcel, containing a toy was sent by an American Sergeant who photographed the boy while serving in Germany but forgot to ask his full name.

—China Mail Special.

Ceylon To Float Loan On UK Market

Colombo, Feb. 16.

Legislation is being prepared to enable the Ceylon Government to float a loan in the London money market. It was authoritatively learned here today.

The size of the loan sought and the terms have not been disclosed but it was understood that Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, the Minister of Finance, would submit a Cabinet paper on his negotiations with the World Bank at Washington and with the Finance Ministers' conference at Sydney.

Sir Oliver, accompanied by the Governor of the Central Bank of Ceylon, Mr. N. U. Jayawardene, paid two visits to London in connection with the loan.

It was also learned that the Finance Minister had asked for £150,000 at the Sydney conference to finance food production.

Informed sources said that the loan was approved on the condition that the United Kingdom Government and Australia satisfied themselves that Ceylon really needed the money urgently.

It was disclosed that a team of agricultural experts would be sent to Ceylon soon to survey the problem of landlessness and recommend ways of rehabilitating the peasantry with a view to increasing food production.

About 100,000 families are expected to be settled on the land with the aid of the loan.

Meanwhile, the World Bank has agreed to lend roughly about 100,000 rupees to the Ceylon Government to meet the full foreign exchange cost of stage two of the hydro-electric scheme.

The foreign cost of the project includes the purchase and importation of plant and machinery from abroad, the importation of building and other materials from abroad and the cost of meeting any foreign technical assistance needed.

Sth. Korea Wants Extension Of Tungsten Pact

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

The South Korean Government today called for the extension of its tungsten agreement with the United States, due to expire at the end of March, saying that lack of such an agreement would "frustrate" the whole programme of rehabilitating Korean economy.

Industry and Commerce Minister Ahn Tong Hyuk, said in a white paper on tungsten, South Korea's biggest foreign currency earner—that "competent high-ranking American authorities in Korea" told the Government that the United States had no intention of renewing or extending the tungsten agreement with any country.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Feb. 16.

The rubber market was quiet. Future closings were—

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GREEN FINGERS

ELOQUENCE is part of the birthright of every Welshman, and most are so skilled with words that on their tongues a laundry list, recited, sparkles like a poem.

When Dai Green Finger came into the dock at Bow Street, therefore, and when we heard his name and saw the fire in his eyes and the way his thinning hair swept back as though he had used a whirlwind for a comb that morning we all, in court, prepared for oratory above the average.

"You are charged," said the learned clerk, in flat official tones "with being a suspected person, loitering with intent to commit a felony— to steal from unattended cars. How do you plead?"

SILENCE

Now for it, we said to ourselves, and waited to receive the flow of words. But only silence came.

"Can you hear me?" the learned clerk asked loudly. Still no answer from Dai.

He was told Dai was not deaf, so repeated his question. There was still no answer.

"I'll enter a plea of not guilty," said Mr R. H. Blundell, the magistrate, and called for evidence.

Two policemen told of watching Dai for half-an-hour the night before, and seeing him try the door handles of three cars.

THE PAST SPEAKS
"WHAT would you like to do now?" the magistrate asked Dai, when the story was done. "Give evidence on oath in the witness-box, make a statement from where you are, or say nothing?"

Dai only glowered.

"Very well, I find the case proved," said the magistrate, and turned to the police officer again. "Anything known?" he asked.

"This man is identical with a man with convictions," said the officer. "I will read out the last three." He did. Two of the convictions were for trying to steal from cars, the third for foreign military influence.

WORDS IN CHECK
"He was released from prison, last in January 1952," the officer went on. "He tells me he is a jobbing gardener by trade, and that he has had no regular work for two months."

"Before that, he was going down to somewhere near Guildford, two days a week. He lives in a hostel in London."

"Do you want to question the officer on anything he has said?" Mr Blundell asked Dai, and used the silence that followed to study the man in the dock, thinking, perhaps, how strange it was that a man who looked to be almost bursting with bottled-up fury, should follow such a gentle occupation as tending flowers.

THE STORM BREAKS

AFTER the long pause when it became clear Dai did not wish to speak, the magistrate said: "There's far too much of this going on. Go to prison for three months."

Then the storm burst, and Dai, with wild, impassioned gestures, broke his silence. "I beg your pardon," he roared. "It's nothing but a damnable racket all this."

"I beg your pardon, but 'tis all lies, lies, lies. Three times I have been here, and three times it has been framed against me..."

The magistrate was entering the sentence in his register. The gavel caught Dai's flailing arm, and firmly led him out. When he had gone and the door was shut on him, we could still hear his ranting.

"Lies, lies, lies, a damnable racket, all lies," he was still bellowing. And it sounded like distant, thunderous, wild poetry.

INSUFFICIENT APPLIANCES

For having insufficient life-saving appliances on board his craft Po Koo, 41, master of a fishing boat, was fined \$50 by Mr G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector T. A. Wong, prosecuting, said that defendant was interrupted on Yau Ma Tei when he was proceeding to Castle Peak. On inspecting the life appliances on board, the police found that defendant had prepared only six life-jackets, being four jackets less than the required number.

Absolutely No Progress On Austrian Question

Berlin, Feb. 16. The Big Four Foreign Ministers, with only two days to go before their conference here ends, made absolutely no progress on the Austrian problem today, a British spokesman said tonight.

They decided, however, to make a final effort to reach agreement on Thursday when they are due to wind up the conference, which began more than three weeks ago.

Dr Leopold Figl, Austrian Foreign Minister, rejected the amendments which Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, wanted to attach to the existing 52-article draft independence treaty, to which all four powers had already agreed.

The main amendment is one which would permit troops of the Big Four powers to remain in Austria after the signature of the treaty and until the conclusion of a German peace treaty.

Mr Molotov stuck to his proposal for the temporary retention of troops, but offered to reconsider the matter "not later than in 1955."

The Soviet delegation had made concessions to the Western point of view on Austria in the hope of getting the treaty signed before the conference ended, he said.

Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, appealed today a programme understood to include measures to combat tax evasion to meet the salary demand of civil servants and to reduce unemployment.

The programme details of which have not been officially disclosed, will be presented to Parliament on Thursday.

Its main new feature is expected to be a bill providing jail terms for tax evaders, who are estimated to cost the country 300,000 million lire (about £173 million) a year.

The Government may also explore the possibility of meeting the long-standing demands of civil servants for higher salaries.

"That surely should suffice for us all," Mr Eden declared.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, said that Soviet actions on the Austrian treaty were another illustration of the "unwillingness" of the Soviet Union to restore genuine freedom and independence "in any area where it has gotten its grip through the use of its army or otherwise."

All three Western Ministers and Dr Figl told Mr Molotov they were ready to sign the treaty as it now stood after the West had last week accepted the Soviet form of five articles which had been disputed for several years. But they all refused to accept Mr Molotov's amendments.

The Ministers are due to meet again at 10 a.m. GMT on Wednesday in secret session in the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin to resume their discussion of Far Eastern problems under point one of their three-point agenda—measures to reduce international tension and the calling of a five-power conference with Communist China.

In the afternoon, they will return to item two—Germany and European security—in normal session.

Wednesday's meeting will be the last in the Soviet Embassy. The final meeting on Thursday will be held in the former Allied Control Authority building in West Berlin where today's session was held.

An American spokesman announced tonight that Mr Dulles would have a brief meeting with Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, at Wahn airport, near Cologne, West Germany, on Thursday night after he leaves here by air to return to Washington.—Reuter.

SPECIAL SESSION

Bonn, Feb. 16. The West German Parliament will hold a special session to discuss the results of the Berlin conference, parliamentary circles said here today.

During this session, which will be held in about two weeks, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will make a statement concerning the conference, and discuss the government's foreign policy plans, the same source added.

France—Press

Cars Drive Across Frozen River



An icy scene near Culemborg, south of the town of Utrecht in Holland as cars are driven across the frozen river Rhine.—London Express.

Scelba Cabinet's Programme

Rome, Feb. 16.

Signor Mario Scelba's new Italian Coalition Government approved today a programme understood to include measures to combat tax evasion to meet the salary demand of civil servants and to reduce unemployment.

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The previous government, while admitting state employees were underpaid, said little could be done if inflation was to be avoided.

The Coalition Government, it is believed, plans to find the additional revenue through stiffer taxes on joint stock companies, alcohol, advertising, the national football pool and other forms of betting.

Financial circles estimate that 80,000 million lire (about £4.6 million) would be needed to grant the pay rises planned to state employees.

OTHER MEASURES

The Prime Minister is expected to adopt as his own a series of economic and social measures already proposed to Parliament by his predecessor, Signor Amintore Fanfani, when he presented his short-lived all-Christian Democrat government last month.

These included:

1. A five-year plan to house 200,000 families, now living in caves and shanties, at a cost of 277,000 million lire (about £100 million).

2. Special measures to halt the closure of steel and engineering works and to boost their output for export.

3. Loans to small and medium industries to help them increase production.

4. Construction of new roads to cost 270,000 million lire (£155 million).

5. New plans for the country's shipyards, now threatened with unemployment because of their high production costs.

6. Drainage of hundreds of square miles of marshland at the north of the river Po and reclamation project in Sardinia.

7. Tax relief and other help for smallholders.—Reuter.

Intent To Defraud Charge

Young Siu-kei, alias Paul Siu Chi-yeung, 33-year-old cinema employee, of 11 Siu Pui Street, Diamond Hill, appeared before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with uttering a forged receipt purporting to be that of Mr P. S. Chang, Manager of the Pathé Overseas Ltd, with intent to defraud.

The accused, who is alleged to have committed the offence sometime between June 15 and June 22 last year, was remanded for three days in Police custody for further inquiries.

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France—Press

2 Whacks With Flat Paddle For Unruly Boys

New York, Feb. 16.

The headmaster of the Cathedral of St John The Divine Chor School has advised parents that unruly boys will be disciplined by "two whacks on the seat administered with a large flat paddle."

The headmaster, Canon Darby W. Betts, said that the punishment would be meted out under strict supervision, two whacks for each demerit recorded against a boy's record during a 24-hour period.

He said that the paddling system was an expression of "one of the means that God uses to save us" by chastising us "for our own good."—United Press.

Appellants were represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr Alfred Hon, Mr D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown.

Fog Lifts: Ships Arrive

A fog having been held up by thick fog outside the harbour for more than 24 hours, the British steamer Mozaffar, carrying 1,511 troops of the Indian Custodial Force from Korea en route home, entered port shortly before noon today.

The Indian troops, part of the force who had been guarding the prisoners of war in the Korean demilitarized zone for the last five and a half months, comprised the 3rd Garhwal Rifles, the 6th Jats, Brigade Headquarters and detachments of the Field Engineers and of the Maharajah machine-gum battalion.

Among those meeting the troops at Kowloon Wharf today was Mr P. R. S. Mani, Commissioner for India in Hong Kong.

Another trooper ship entered port this morning was the Georgic coming to fetch the time-expired troops to the United Kingdom.

The fog, which began to blanket the approaches to Hong Kong, disrupting sea and air communications shortly before 6 a.m. yesterday, began to lift in the vicinity of Waglan Island at 9 a.m. today and by 10.30 a.m. visibility returned to normal, according to the Royal Observatory's Kai Tak meteorologist.

Plaintiff claimed possession of the premises, return of all fixtures and fittings, and the ejectment of the defendant. Judge Wicks gave judgment for the defendant.

GROUND OF APPEAL

The plaintiffs appealed this morning on the grounds that the trial judge wrongly assessed the value of the premises by considering a figure which was principally a hire fee of the business; that the respondent was a trespasser; and that the respondent was not a person protected by the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

Mr Bernacchi said there was a very evident personal agreement between the respondent and the appellant that the respondent was to take over the appellant's business. The rent for premises, he said, should be legally allowed rent without taking the personal agreement into consideration. Part of the money was for hire of premises, and the other part was for the hiring of the business for three years, he contended.

He said that if the agreement was not a tenancy one but only a licence, it did not arise at all. The \$800 a month was rent paid for hiring of the business and other collateral rights in respect of the premises on which the business was worked. Mr Bernacchi said:

"The White House has refused to confirm or deny this."

The Queen Mother last visited the United States together with her husband, the late King George VI. They were guests of the late President Roosevelt.—United Press.

Washington, Feb. 15.

Planes are being made for Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, to visit the United States some time this autumn the British Information Service confirmed tonight.

A spokesman said an announcement, giving details of the trip, was expected soon, possibly tomorrow.

He did not give the nature of

Reversal Of Decision Sought

New York, Feb. 16.

Song Lam, alias Song Ling, merchant, appealed before Mr Justice Reece and Mr Justice Gregg at Supreme Court this morning for a reversal of a decision by Mr Justice Wicks whereby Wong Ki-ki, merchant, was allowed to continue business at premises he hired from Song Lam.

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by P. C. Woo, was for the appellant, and Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Ford, Kwan and Co. for the respondent.

THE JUDGMENT

The Full Court judgment read: "The appellants were convicted on an indictment which charged them jointly with others between June 21, 1953, and August 17, 1953, of conspiracy to give divers sums to a police officer, Sub-Inspector Ibbison, as a reward for or otherwise on account of his giving preferential treatment to certain members of the public in passing them in their driving tests.

Four of the other five accused were also found guilty and given various terms of imprisonment. The seventh was discharged.

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